(c) whether Government is considering investigation of irregularities prevalent in fertilizer subsidy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) Government gives subsidy on Urea, Di Ammonium Phosphate (DAP), Muriate of Potash (MOP), 12 grades of NPK Complexes, Mono-Ammonium Phosphate MAP, Triple Super Phosphate (TSP), Ammonium Sulphate (AS) and Single Super Phosphate (SSP). As regard Urea under the New Pricing Scheme, fertilizer subsidy is released to the manufacturers of Urea on 100% basis on the receipt of Urea in the Districts. The 100% release is on the basis of *ad hoc* notified rates of subsidy. The concession rates are finalized on quarterly basis based on the escalation/de-escalation in the fuel/feedstock prices. The difference of subsidy is paid or recovered from the manufacturers. Under the Concession Scheme for decontrolled P&K fertilizers, the manufacturers/importers DAP, MOP, NPK Complexes, MAP, TSP and Ammonium Sulphate are provided 'On Account' payment of 85% (90% with Bank Guarantee) of the concession amount month-wise on receipt of the fertilizers in the states *w.e.f.* 1.12.2008. Prior to that, the 'On Account' payment was released on the sale of the fertilizers. In the case of SSP, the 'On Account' payment is released on the basis of sales of the fertilizers. The balance 15%-10% payment of concession is released to the manufacturers/importers of P&K Fertilizers after the State Governments certify the receipt/sale of the fertilizers.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Department of Fertilizers investigates complaints regarding alleged irregularities by the fertilizer companies in claiming payment of concession.

Arrest of agents and without-ticket travellers

†*490. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:
SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of agents and passengers travelling on other's tickets and without tickets have been arrested by Railways in the third week of July, 2009;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of arrested agents and passengers travelling on other's tickets and without tickets from 5 July 2009 till date and the details zone-wise and division-wise; and

(d) whether any order has been issued by the Ministry in this regard in July, 2009; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Apprehension of touts/agents selling tickets in fictitious names and detection of passengers

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

travelling on such tickets/travelling without tickets through checks is an ongoing activity. Date-wise figures of such checks are not maintained. However, the date for the period 05.07.2009 to 29.07.2009 are as under:

Railway	Number of touts/agents apprehended	Number of persons apprehended travelling on tickets purchases in other's names	Number of passengers travelling without tickets
Central	15	158	28148
Eastern	16	5	30911
East Central	4	1	15534
East Coast	1	4	2383
Northern	65	50	30525
North Central	Nil	24	6436
North Eastern	4	2	12527
Northeast Frontier	1	14	3774
North Western	3	17	20697
Southern	49	1707	18654
South Central	1	45	34652
South Eastern	2	Nil	16783
South East Central	Nil	Nil	2376
South Western	3	18	Nil
Western	8	52	34836
West Central	15	12	49
TOTAL	187	2109	248285

Since persons travelling on other's tickets in reserved accommodation are apprehended and charged by the ticket checking staff in the running trains, Division-Wise originating journeys of such passengers is not segregated.

(d) Orders have been issued to intensify such checks and effectively combat the menace of touts, passengers travelling without tickets, etc., so as to provide better service to the genuine passengers.

Loss of crops due to floods in Assam

*491. SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: